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Letter dated 24 October 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, I wish on behalf of my Government to report to the Security Council on measures that Canada has initiated following the armed attacks in the United States on 11 September 2001. Those attacks, which were the subject of Security Council resolutions 1368 (2001) of 12 September 2001 and 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001, resulted in the deaths of thousands of citizens from many countries, including Canada.

As announced by Canada's Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, on 7 October 2001, Canada is deploying naval ships, surveillance and transport airplanes, military personnel and other assets. Our actions are directed against Osama bin Laden's al-Qa'ida terrorist organization and the Taliban regime that is supporting it. Canada's actions are not directed against the Afghan population or against Islam. Canada is taking these measures in exercise of the inherent right of individual and collective self-defence, in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations. This is further to the notification by the Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the invocation by NATO of article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty.

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